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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5857

INFO AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1336

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, BC, ZA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KHAMA TO ATTEND ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATION

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, LADY KHAMA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SHE AND PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA WILL ATTEND ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.
 2. ZAMBIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER YETA CONFIRMED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT WILL GO ZAMBIA FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS. HE ADDED THAT KING MOSHOESHOE OF LESOTHO AND KING SOBHUZA OF SWAZILAND AND OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE FROM "NEIGHBORING" COUNTRIES HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED.
 3. YETA SAID THE UNDERLYING REASON FOR INVITING SO MANY AFRICAN LEADERS WAS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS ON PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH A VIEW TO GAINING MORE SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE AND HUMAN DIGNITY.
 4. COMMENT: KING SOBHUZA SELDOM TRAVELS ABROAD, AND SWAZILAND WILL PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED BY PRIME MINISTER MOKHOSINI. KING MOSHOESHOE IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT INVITATION
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VIEW POLITICAL PROBLEM ARISING FROM PRESENCE BCP OPPOSITION

BASOTHO REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA. MBABANE AND MASERU MAY WISH
COMMENT.
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